

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of)
Creation of a Low)
Power Radio)
Service)

MB Docket No. 99-25

My name is Martha, and I strongly support any actions the Federal Communications Commission can take to expand and support the Low Power FM radio service.

The FCC should make every effort to protect low power FM (LPFM) and the community-oriented content it provides. Unlike the consolidated commercial radio landscape, LPFM stations provide quality local programming and enhance the diversity of local voices available to their communities.

Full power stations should not be allowed to cut into the coverage area of LPFM stations and knock them off the air. The FCC should adopt a policy that denies a full power station's modification application if granting the application would reduce the coverage area available to LPFM stations.

As a mother and a community member, I have enough difficulties building a local community to support my family as it is. Corvallis is a small community. We have lost almost all community based media -- please don't take away what we can get on the radio!

The FCC has the responsibility to protect the service of low power radio and nurture its growth. Congress is considering legislation to expand the service by removing the restrictions on the third-adjacent channel, which could allow LPFM to expand into larger communities. The FCC should take every opportunity to tell Congress that the technological landscape is ready for this change.

Thank you for your consideration --

-Martha J. Chamberchrest